

U.S. Small Business Administration



Illinois District Office

2006 SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS WINNERS

Small Business Champion of the Year

John A. Wagner
Leading Edge Enterprises, Inc.

Young Entrepreneur of the Year

Genevieve Thiers
Sittercity.com
(National, State and Regional Winner)

Financial Services Champion of the Year

Maureen L. Prochenski
National City Bank
Chicagoland Small Business Banking

Minority Small Business Champion of the Year

Ernest Vincent Freeman
PepsiCo Beverages and Food

Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year

Mary Beth Meisenheimer
AT&T

Women in Business Champion of the Year

Kara E. F. Cenar
National Association of
Women Business Owners
(Regional Winner)

Small Business Journalist of the Year

Terry Savage
Terry Savage Productions

Special Recognition Award

Hazel King
H A King & Associates, Inc.

District Director's Choice Awards

Michael W. Hennessy
The Coleman Foundation

ACCIÓN Chicago

7(a) Lender of the Year

Charter One

504 Lender of the Year

Small Business Growth Corporation

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